GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Psychological Health of Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for secondary schools in the country to employ a counseller to look after the psychological health of the students;
(b) if so, the details regarding compliance of the same including the steps taken by the Government to enforce it;
(c) whether school the curriculum includes awareness programmes for preventing drug and substance abuse among children; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) No, Madam.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) & (d) National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) has developed syllabi of Health and Physical Education for classes I to XII based on the National Curriculum Framework-2005, which includes inter-alia age- appropriate, context-specific interventions focused on adolescent concerns, including drug/substance abuse to create awareness and provide children the opportunities to acquire life skills, to cope with concerns related to the process of growing up. NCERT also conducts role play, folk dance competitions and youth festival to create awareness among school students across the country under National Population Education Project and Adolescence Education Programme. NCERT has also developed In-service Teacher Professional Development Packages for the secondary stage and conduct capacity building programmes for the States/UTs which include session on counseling of adolescent learners'. Further, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Scheme of financial Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse under which financial assistance is provided to NGOs/Voluntary Organization for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs), organizing de-addiction camps and conducting awareness programmes about the ill effects of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse.